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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S SPEECH OF APRIL 8 ON LOS

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1. WE HAD PREVIOUSLY TRANSMITTED TEXT OF SECRETARY'S APRIL 8 SPEECH ON LOS TO TOP GOES OFFICIALS IMMEDIATELY AFTER RECEIPT. ON APRIL 22, I CALLED ON FONMIN BORGONOVO TO TOUCH ON THIS MATTER AND LEAVE AN AIDE MEMOIRE ON IT AND A SUMMARY OF OUR 200-MILE LEGISLATION ON FISHERIES.

2. BORGONOVO SAID THAT HE HAD READ THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH AND THOUGHT IT POSITIVE. HE HASTENED TO ADD THAT HE WAS ONLY SUPERFICIALLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THIS COMPLICATED SUBJECT AND THAT HIS UNDER SECRETARY CASTANEDA WAS BETTER INFORMED. MOREOVER, HE EMPHASIZED, THE FOREMOST SALVADORAN AUTHORITY ON LOS WAS DR. GALINDO POHL, THE HEAD OF THE SALVADORAN DELEGATION TO THE LOS CONFERENCE WHO HAD ALSO BEEN THE AUTHOR OF THE 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA CLAUSE OF EL SALVADOR'S CONSTITUTION. BORGONOVO CLARIFIED THAT, WHILE GALINDO POHL ALWAYS CLEARED HIS POSITIONS WITH THE FONOFF, GALINDO'S PRESTIGE IN LOS MATTERS IS SO HIGH THAT CLEARANCE PROCEDURE IS MERELY PRO-FORMA SINCE HE IS ALMOST INVARIABLY SUPPORTED BY THE GOES. GALINDO REPORTED ONLY ABOUT ONE MONTHLY TO THE FONOFF ON THE LOS DEVELOPMENTS WHICH WAS INDICATIVE OF HIS GREAT AUTONOMY. HE HAD NOT YET REPORTED HIS IMPRESSION OF THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH.

3. WHILE I EXPRESS TO BORGONOVO (AND CASTANEDA WHOM I CALLED ON AFTERWARDS) OUR HOPE THAT THE PASSIVE MODERATES AT THE LOS CONFERENCE, SUCH AS EL SALVADOR, WOULD TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE FORTHWITH TO ASSURE GREATER PROGRESS TOWARD COMPROMISE ON A TREATY AT THIS SESSION, I CANNOT STRESS TOO MUCH TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO OUR LOS DELEGATION THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING A CLOSE AND EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH GALINDO POHL. CAMPBELL

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